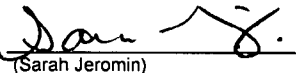


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated April 11, 2007 (Paper No. Mail Date 20070403), for which a response was due on July 11, 2007. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a 3 month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 11, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. A Notice of Appeal is also being filed concurrently herewith. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.